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Enclosed please find an amendment after Final to application No. 09/618,794 (J. Cawse et al). If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 518-387-6223.

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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

In response to Office Action dated December 31, 2001, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 27 and 28

Please replace claim 26 with the following amended claim 26.

26. (Amended) A combinatorial chemical synthesis system, comprising a

vessel having:

a charge port comprising an air lock capable of sequentially receiving a plurality of discrete combinations of reactants;

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